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AN ACT

To amend chapter 217, RSMo, relating to the department of corrections by adding thereto one new section creating the Missouri state penitentiary redevelopment commission.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 217, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 217.900, to read as follows:

**217.900. 1. There is hereby established the "Missouri State Penitentiary
2 Redevelopment Commission".**

**3 2. The commission shall consist of ten commissioners who shall be qualified voters
4 of the state of Missouri. Three commissioners, no more than two of whom shall belong to
5 the same political party, shall be residents of Jefferson City and shall be appointed by the
6 mayor of that city; three commissioners, no more than two of whom shall belong to the
7 same political party, shall be residents of Cole County but not of Jefferson City and shall
8 be appointed by the county commission; and four commissioners, no more than three of
9 whom shall belong to the same political party, none of whom shall be residents of Cole
10 County or of Jefferson City, shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and
11 consent of the senate. The governor shall appoint one of the commissioners who is not a
12 resident of Cole County or Jefferson City to be the chair of the commission. No elective
13 or appointed official of the state of Missouri or of any city or county in this state shall be
14 appointed to the commission.**

**15 3. The commissioners shall serve for terms of three years, except that the first
16 person appointed by each the mayor, the county commission and the governor shall serve
17 for two years and the second person appointed by the governor shall serve for four years.
18 Each commissioner shall hold office until a successor has been appointed and qualified.**

19 In the event a vacancy exists or in the event a commissioner's term expires, a successor
20 commissioner shall be appointed by whomever appointed the commissioner who initially
21 held the vacant positions and if no person is so selected within sixty days of the creation of
22 the vacancy, the unexpired term of such commissioner may be filled by a majority vote of
23 the remainder of the commissioners, provided such successor commissioner shall meet the
24 requirements set forth by this section. Pending any such appointment to fill any vacancy,
25 the remaining commissioners may conduct commission business. Commissioners shall
26 serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Missouri state
27 penitentiary redevelopment commission fund established in subsection 7 of this section for
28 expenses incurred in conducting the commission's business.

29 4. The commission shall have the following powers:

30 (1) To acquire title to the property historically utilized as the Missouri state
31 penitentiary and to acquire by gift, bequest, purchase, lease or sublease from public or
32 private sources property adjacent thereto and necessary or appropriate to the successful
33 redevelopment of the Missouri state penitentiary property;

34 (2) To lease or sell real property to developers who will utilize the property
35 consistent with the master plan for the property;

36 (3) To adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business;

37 (4) To hire employees necessary to perform the commission's work;

38 (5) To contract and to be contracted with, including, but without limitation, the
39 authority to enter into contracts with cities, counties and other political subdivisions,
40 agencies of the state of Missouri and public agencies pursuant to sections 70.210 to 70.325,
41 RSMo, and otherwise, and to enter into contracts with other entities, in connection with
42 the acquisition by gift, bequest, purchase, lease or sublease and in connection with the
43 planning, construction, financing, leasing, subleasing, operation and maintenance of any
44 real property or facility and for any other lawful purpose, and to sue and to be sued;

45 (6) To receive for its lawful activities any rentals, proceeds from the sale of real
46 estate, contributions or moneys appropriated or otherwise designated for payment to the
47 authority by municipalities, counties, state or other political subdivisions or public agencies
48 or by the federal government or any agency or officer thereof or from any other sources
49 and to apply for grants and other funding;

50 (7) To disburse funds for its lawful activities and fix salaries and wages of its
51 employees;

52 (8) To invest any of the commission's funds in such types of investments as shall be
53 determined by a resolution adopted by the commission;

54 (9) To borrow money for the acquisition, construction, equipping, operation,

55 maintenance, repair, remediation or improvement of any facility or real property to which
56 the commission holds title and for any other proper purpose, and to issue negotiable notes,
57 bonds and other instruments in writing as evidence of sums borrowed;

58 (10) To perform all other necessary and incidental functions, and to exercise such
59 additional powers as shall be conferred by the general assembly; and

60 (11) To purchase insurance, including self-insurance, of any property or operations
61 of the commission or its members, directors, officers and employees, against any risk or
62 hazard, and to indemnify its members, agents, independent contractors, directors, officers
63 and employees against any risk or hazard.

64 5. In no event shall the state be liable for any deficiency or indebtedness incurred
65 by the commission.

66 6. The income of the commission and all properties any time owned by the
67 authority shall be exempt from all taxation in the state of Missouri.

68 7. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Missouri State Penitentiary
69 Redevelopment Commission Fund", which shall consist of money collected pursuant to this
70 section. The fund shall be administered by the Missouri state penitentiary redevelopment
71 commission. Money in the fund shall be used solely for the purposes of the Missouri state
72 penitentiary redevelopment commission.

73 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, no portion of the fund
74 shall be transferred to the general revenue fund, and any appropriation made to the fund
75 shall not lapse. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as
76 other funds are invested. Interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited
77 to the fund.